Abstract

A method and apparatus are disclosed for stacking cans in substantially vertical alignment. In general, two cans may be so stacked by: squaring the upper rim of the lower can with the lower rim of the upper can; retaining the upper can in position by engaging the inside face of its lower rim; and retaining the lower can in position by engaging the inside face of its upper rim. This result can be achieved with the aid of a coupler, which has: a body; a first flange that extends from the body to engage the inside face of the lower rim of the upper can; a second flange that extends from the body substantially opposite to the first flange and substantially coaxial with the first flange, to engage the inside face of the upper rim of the lower can; and a third flange that extends radially from the body substantially perpendicular to both the first and second flanges to engage both the edge of the upper rim of the lower can and the edge of the lower rim of the upper can.